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Thank you very much for your letter of May 11 concerning [redacted]. I greatly appreciate your cooperative attitude in this respect and trust that an arrangement can be worked out that will enable us to utilize [redacted] services without seriously interfering with his work for you.

Sincerely,

SIGNED,

William D. SMITH  
Director

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Although I am well aware of the patriotic contribution which you and your Company are already making in solving the many problems presented to you by the United States Government, I must make a personal request of you in a matter of the most urgent concern and importance to the security of the United States.

In attempting to find a solution to an especially vital problem confronting us at this time, we urgently need the assistance of [redacted] of your Company who, we are informed on the best authority, is the most eminent qualified scientist in the particular field concerned. The extent of his services necessary to accomplish the objective can only be determined after a preliminary examination. If his services could be made available for this purpose on a basis satisfactory to both you and [redacted] I will be deeply grateful.

I fully realize that even his temporary absence will be a great inconvenience to your organization and you may be sure that only the most compelling reason would cause me to make this request.

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[redacted] are informed of the project.

Sincerely,

*Walter P. Smith*

RALPH P. SMITH  
Director

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